

the growth of Indian corn. It has already been stated that marls of various quality, and well suited to the wants of the soil occur in this division of the State. Much benefit has also been derived from the use of the sediment deposited at the heads of creeks from the washings of the hills. This *marsh-mud*, as it is termed, is not, however, equally serviceable in every locality. If produced by the washing of a sandy soil, and to be applied to one already light, it is evidently more likely to prove injurious than beneficial. On a stiff soil, such a material is demanded; whilst, on the other hand, as will be readily understood, a *mud* composed principally of clayey particles should be applied under circumstances precisely the reverse.

Talbot county, as might be expected, presents us in some portions of its territory with soils similar to those of its limitary counties. Thus the soil, in that portion of the county situated between Skipton creek and the Wye, partakes of the nature of that in Wye-neck, Queen Ann's county. The country in this direction, is likewise rolling, even hilly. East of this, extending to the Tuckahoe, the soil is much lighter, and this is generally the character of the land in the upper and eastern portions of Talbot, following the course of the Tuckahoe and Choptank as far as Bolingbroke creek, and embracing the Chapel and Bamerry districts. Some parts of these districts will, however, present, as a matter of course, exceptions to the general character of the soil as just assigned. The best, the most improved, and the most improvable lands in Talbot county, are in its lower portions, composing the necks or peninsulæ, formed by the innumerable inlets of the bay and rivers that penetrate the very centre of the county. Miles' river neck embraces a tract of land scarcely surpassed by any other in our State, in its susceptibilities for improvement. Most of this neck is already highly improved, as evinced on the estate of the late Col. Lloyd, a gentleman acknowledged to have been one of the best farmers in Talbot county, and whose elegant hospitality must render his memory dear to all who have had the good fortune to partake of it. On the east side of the river, where marl has been found, it has been applied with the greatest benefit. That part of the county known as the Bay-side, extending between Miles' river, the Eastern bay and Broad creek, as well as the portions situated on both sides of Irish creek, and those between Miles' river and the Tread-haven, presenting a body